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John K. Bullard Regional Administrator Northeast Regional Office National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 55 Great Republic Drive Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930-9135

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan, CEQ# 20130103

Dear Mr. Bullard:

In accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act, we have reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring. Based on our review of the FEIS we have no objections to Amendment 5.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the FEIS. Please contact me at (617) 918-1025 with any comments or questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

Timothy Timmermann

Associate Director

Office of Environmental Review